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7 November 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD

SUBJECT: Activities Report for Operations Branch
30 October to 5 November 1960

1. PLANS SECTION:

a. CORONA 9012 now scheduled for launch 11 November 1960. Slippage due necessity for pad checks as result of wiring change in computer.

b. CORONA 9013 tentatively scheduled for 29 November 1960. This launch date should allow additional tracking equipment to be installed and operational on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This will give greater reliability to tracking activity of the recovery sequence. This launch is to be the first of a three day operation and it is being planned for maximum coverage of the primary area of interest.

c. New slugs have been given to operational messages pertaining to IDEALIST, CORONA and ARGON Projects.

d. A new ARGON Reports Control Manual has been completed and approved in draft by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Will be published and sent to the field by 14 November 1960.

e. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: CORONA 9012
Date: 13 November 1960
Actionee: DPD/OPS/COR- [REDACTED]

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(2) Subject: CORONA 9013
Date: 29 November 1960
Actionee: DPD/OPS/COR- [REDACTED]

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(3) Subject: ARGON 9014A
Date: January 1961
Actionee: DPD/OPS/COR- [REDACTED]

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(4) Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: 17 October 1960
Suspense: 14-30 November 1960
Actionee: DPD/OPS/IDEA-[REDACTED]

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(5) Subject: Publication ARGON Report Control Manual
Date: 7 November 1960
Suspense: 14 November 1960
Actionee: DPD/OPS/COR-ARG

2. CONTROL CENTER:

a. Negative report for this period. Routine Control Center Activities.

b. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: Replacement for [REDACTED]
Date: 1 June 1960
Suspense: 22 July 1960
Actionee: DPD/ADMIN/PERS

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(2) Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: 6 October 1960
Suspense: None
Actionee: DPD ADMIN/PERS

3. OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS SECTION:

a. Negative report pending return of assigned personnel from TDY.

b. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: Air Column Plastic Shelters Evaluation
Date: 15 June 1960
Suspense: Indefinite
Actionee: DPD/MB

(2) Subject: Module Pallets for C-130
Date: 15 July 1960
Suspense: Indefinite
Actionee: DPD/RS and [REDACTED]

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- (3) Subject: Program Covering Installation [REDACTED] 25X1A
Date: 8 July 1960
Suspense: 1 December 1960
Actionee: DPD/RS
- (4) Subject: HRB Beacon Test Requested.
Date: 12 August 1960
Suspense: 15 November 1960
Actionee: DPD/RS and DPD/DB
- (5) Subject: Engineering for High Altitude Hello
H-392 Strato Cruiser
Date: 11 July 1960
Suspense: Indefinite
Actionee: DPD/RS (Recommendations requested)
- (6) Subject: CIA Air Activities - Organization and Inventory
Date: 15 July 1960
Suspense: 1 November 1960
Actionee: DPD/RS
- (7) Subject: P2V7 Function and Configuration
Date: 8 August 1960
Suspense: 10 November 1960
Actionee: DPD/RS and DPD/DB
- (8) Subject: Countermeasure against Soviet SAM
(Activity Program)
Date: 9 September 1960
Suspense: Indefinite
Actionee: DPD/DB and DPD/RS
- (9) Subject: APG-53 Tests with Radan Drift Compensation
Date: Unknown
Suspense: 5 November 1960
Actionee: DPD/RS

4. INTELLIGENCE SECTION

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a. Reviewed proposed [REDACTED] TE-69-656, 657, 627, 649 and 655. Two of this group were recommended for approval.

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25X1A b. Attended meeting with Chairman, COMOR, DPD/SO, and representatives from PIC, on security classification and handling of ARGON product at [REDACTED] during data reduction process. It was the recommendation of the group that the materials not be placed in the TALENT system during this phase of the processing and that DPD should retain responsibility for security standards and procedures until completion of the data reduction process.

c. Attended COMOR meeting on 4 November. Principal topics of discussion included the U. S. Army requirement for photo coverage of Laos and Viet Nam. It appears unlikely, even if approved at high level, that the requirement will be levied on IDEALIST because of U. S. Navy capabilities extant.

d. Established "on" and "off" points for CORONA Mission 9013 tentatively scheduled for 29 November. This will be the first three day orbit.

25X1A e. Completed provision of operational and navigational charts for [REDACTED]

f. Produced briefing graphic on coverage obtained in Operation KICKOFF.

g. Pending Actions: None.

5. COMMUNICATIONS SECTION:

25X1A a. A meeting was held with [REDACTED], Scott Field, Telecommunications Officer, for the purpose of determining specific details concerning circuitry, equipment, and operating procedures relating to the support of Detachment H.

25X1A b. Refresher programs in [REDACTED] operation were initiated for the cryptographers selected for activating the [REDACTED] signal center. 25X1A

25X1A c. In anticipation of his assignment to the Detachment H, arrangements were made to enroll [REDACTED] for a two week training program beginning 7 November on the [REDACTED] Box. 25X1A

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d. The installation kits, hardware, and cables for the [REDACTED] installation at Detachment H were ordered.

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e. [REDACTED] returned from Detachment B and is engaged in determining the ELINT and electronic communications requirements for the new Detachment.

f. Project [REDACTED] is progressing satisfactorily. The antenna installation is almost complete and the [REDACTED] team is scheduled to leave about 13 November 1960.

g. Pending Actions: None.

6. AIR SUPPORT SECTION

a. [REDACTED] Request for approval postponed, expected during the week of 7 November.

b. [REDACTED] C-118 still in IRAN.

c. JMARC Support

(1) EB-54-044 completed - black passenger flight to [REDACTED]

(2) EB-54-045 completed - black passenger flight to [REDACTED]

d. [REDACTED]

(1) Briefed [REDACTED] Department of State, on [REDACTED] Staging Plan. Received approval from State Department for December staging from [REDACTED]. The field has been notified.

(2) Held several meetings with [REDACTED] operations. [REDACTED] FI/D [REDACTED] and other from FE/CH, to discuss activities in general with particular interest in ChiCom intercept effectiveness.

(3) Met with [REDACTED] to discuss overflight ops.

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e. Pending Actions

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- (1) Subject: P2V7 Pilot for [REDACTED]
Date: 1 June 1960
Suspense: 1 August 1960
Actionee: DPD/ADMIN/PERS
- (2) Subject: Kadena Changed from Class B to Class A
Finance Station
Date: 21 July 1960
Suspense: 29 August 1960
Actionee: DPD/FIN
- (3) Subject: JMARC Cargo Flights to [REDACTED]
Date: 8 and 10 November 1960
Actionee: DPD/AS

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Operations Branch, DPD-DD/P

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